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Three Receive Ed. M. Degrees Today

SUMMER SCHOOL PICNIC AGAIN HELD AT STOW

The summer school students, attending Fitchburg State Teachers College, held their annual outing at the Stow Country Club on July 26th.

At eleven-thirty the groups gathered in front of the school and were transported to the Club by automobiles. A fried chicken dinner was served at quarter past one. Every one had rather a puzzling time trying to find his place, as the name cards were intricately arranged. Before the last course was served every teacher was given a stick of gum, and was told to chew it for two minutes. Then, with the aid of tooth-picks and the gum, different designs were formed on a piece of cardboard. Mr. Willis B. Anthony led community singing throughout the dinner.

After dinner, the group took

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NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Three new comers were welcomed to the Summer School faculty this year to assist in handling the work of additional courses and enrollment.

Miss Mary E. Trumbull, principal of the Center Junior High School of Chicopee, Instructor of Vocational Guidance; Thomas L. H. Malumphy, Associate Professor of Biology at Holy Cross College, Instructor of Genetics and Physiology; and William A. Welch, Superintendent of Schools,

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VARIED ASSEMBLIES HELD DURING SUMMER SESSION

The morning assemblies during the present six-week summer session have been marked by some speeches that have proved very interesting and educational to the students of the school. The wise counsel of Dr. Herlihy in students' affairs has been invaluable.

The first assembly, under the direction of Francis X. Powers, faculty chairman of the social committee, was for the purpose of planning the annual outing at the Stow Country Club. Plans for the affair were outline in detail by Mr. Powers and Willard Davis, chairman of the Student group.

Mr. Ralph Weston, chairman of the committee on degrees,

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FIRST MASTERS DEGREES AWARDED AT SUMMER GRADUATION

The first three Master of Education Degrees to be awarded at Fitchburg State Teachers College Summer School graduation are to be presented to three graduates at exercises in the Assembly Hall this morning.

The Bachelor of Science in Education degree will be presented to nineteen members of the graduating class by Miss Kathryn Doyle, Advisory Board Member of the State Department of Education.

Dr. William Aspinwall, president of the State Teachers College at Worcester, will be the commencement speaker at the exercises. The program follows:

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Processional
Music
Address
Dr. William B. Aspinwall
President State Teachers College at Worcester
Awarding of Degrees
Miss Kathryn Doyle
Member Advisory Board of Education
Recessional
Music
Virginia Parker
Sparks *Mosgkoruski*
Rondo Capricciaso *Mendelssohn*
Golliwog's Cakewalk *Debussy*

Following is a list of the graduates:

Bachelor of Science in Education

Harriet Auld Austin, Fitchburg;

Catherine Frances Bray, Fitchburg; Harold Alvin Clark, Sharon; Charles Timothy Crowley, Greenfield; John Joseph Connelly, Clinton; Wilmar Hurd Ela, Millbury; Alice Elisabeth Hannon, Lawrence; Raymond Elbridge Harris, Agawam; James Henderson, Fitchburg; Harry Young Hilyard, Chelmsford; *Reta Louise Hockenberry, Springfield; Grace Marion Jewett, Leominster; Francis Timothy McAuliffe, Gardner; John Henry Newton, Newtonville; Helen Rose O' Gara, South Adams; Norman N. Rosch, North Adams; Charles Joseph Sheehan, Arlington; Lyman Sleeper, Fitchburg; Gertrude Barnidge Sweeney, Lowell.

*Degree from Bridgewater.

Master in Education

Ralph Edward Rothera, Worcester; Irene Frances Smith, Fitchburg; Sidney Parmenter White, Fitchburg;

SEMI-ANNUAL GROUP BANQUETS AT PICADILLY

The first banquet of the Semi-Annual Club, a group of the Teacher Training Class students, was held Thursday, July 28, at the Picadilly Club in Ayer.

Edward Philips acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the following guests of honor: Robert O. Small, Director of the Vocational Division; M. Norcross Stratton, Asst. Director; Thomas A. Carey, Instructor; Thomas Flynn, Supervisor of Teacher-Training; Thomas Roche, Director, South Boston Day Industrial School; and Frank Rich, of Roxbury Industrial School.

The entertainment program included a skit presented by John Struble, Thomas Scott, Edward Philips and Arthur Roberts Jr.; and a special musical program by a quartet comprised of the following members Bernard Tassinani, John Struble, Arthur Roberts and Edward Philips.

The committee in charge of the affair headed by John Struble, included Thomas Scott; president; Arthur Roberts Jr., vice-president; Vincent Cusick, treasurer; and Bernard Tassinari secretary.

COSTUME PARTY AWARD GIVEN TO MISS LUCE

Miss Christie Luce was awarded first prize for the most colorful ladies, costume at the annual color combination party Wednesday evening, July 20, in the gymnasium. More than 75 students attended the bright and gala party which is one of the highlights of the summer social season.

Other prize winners were: Most colorful men's costume, Stanley English; second ladies' prize, Miss Helen O' Gara and second men's prize Robin Hood's Gang composed of Junior P. A. men.

The program opened with community singing under the direction of Ernest Harrington with Miss Margaret Palladino as piano accompanist. The singing was followed by feather blowing, balloon games, a skit and the grand march with its brillant display of colorful costumes.

The entertainment program was followed by dancing and a general good time.

The committee in charge of the affair included: Miss Anna A. Kloss, Miss Mary Trumbull of the faculty, Miss Anna Sojka, Miss Gertrude Lynch, Miss Margaret Palladino, Miss Reta Hockenberry, Harry O'Connell, Ernest Harrington and Stanley English of the student body.

Mary F. Wade, The only "gal" in the Publications Class, recommends it to all other "gals."

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF EARNING A DEGREE IN EDUCATION

(As related to the staff from first-hand experiences of a few honest victims.)

By Helen O'Gara

One of the members of the fourth estate asked me to turn my candid camera on the past and expose to the unflattering light of day, some of the joys and tribulations attendant upon my obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from the Fitchburg State Teachers College. As there is no time like the present, let us have a look at the record.

In this epistle, gentle readers, you will find outlined some of the highlights of the numerous summers whiled away on this vine-clad campus in joyful contemplation of the fact that forever more I could enjoy that blissful state of being free, white, and over twenty-one. When I am too old to dream, or getting my share of the Townsend Plan, the following list of memories of Fitchburg days and nights will come back to comfort and sustain me.

First on this list of remembrances will be the fine hand of Dr. Herlihy. While the standards he has set for this college remind yours truly of Miss Webster's Rockies, the results obtained have been most salutary.

Second on the list and the one closest to my heart will be dormitory life at Miller Hall under the understanding direction of Miss Mary Barnicle. Through the passing summers it has always been my good fortune to be assigned to the third floor. If any of you ever entertain the thought of living in the dormitory be certain to reserve a room on that particular floor. It shelters all

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advantage of the many activities that the Club offers. Golf, croquet, shuffle - board, bowling, and table tennis were enjoyed by many.

One outstanding feature of the afternoon among the fair sex was Miss Marion L. Webster's palm reading.

The student committee was in charge of Willard Davis, Chairman, assisted by Thomas Crowley, Olga Niziankowicz, and Anna Sojka. They were aided by Mr. Francis X. Powers, Miss Mary E. Trumbull, and Mr. Clifford W. Hague, of the faculty.

During the afternoon, a guest at the Club said to your correspondent, "Are these people teachers?" When informed in the affirmative he retorted, "I was born forty years too soon."

VARIED ASSEMBLIES HELD

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talked to students regarding plans for the annual graduation at the conclusion of the summer session.

The second assembly provided a highly interesting and educational literary program. Mr. Thomas Sheehan, faculty member, was the speaker and emphasized the use of humor and wit in literary efforts. His reading of "Pot of Gold," fully illustrated the theme of his subject.

Students of the Secondary Education class under the direction of Mr. Miller were in charge of the third assembly program. Written reports on the three plans of education were presented by members of the group. The plans discussed were: the eight-four, the six-three and the six-six plan.

Following the reading of papers a discussion on Vocational Education was conducted by members of the group. The discussion was open to everyone in attendance and a spirited debate took place between members of the class and students.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

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Peabody, Instructor of School Law and Finance.

Miss Trumbull received her early education at the Westfield Normal School. She was enrolled at the Columbia University Summer School for two sessions and received her B. S. and M. A. degrees from New York University.

Mr. Malumphy received his A. B. degree at Holy Cross College and his M. Sc. at Cornell University. For three years he was Science Chairman at Carlton Academy, Summit, New Jersey and for the past 14 years he has been Associate Professor of Biology at Holy Cross College.

Mr. Welch received his A. B. and M. A. degrees at Boston College, and his L. L. B., degree at Suffolk Law School. He followed with special courses at the Georgetown University Summer School.

TEACHERS AND OLD TIMERS DIVIDE SERIES

Although the Teachers Training Class baseball schedule was a very limited one, due to the unusual number of rainy days, the season, nevertheless, was a very successful one.

The Teachers lost the decision in the initial contest when the Old Timers came from behind twice to win by the score of 11-9 in the hardest fought game of the season.

The second game, a romp for the teachers, resulted in the Academic nine being treated to a 27-10 reverse. In the final game of the season, in which every man on the team collected at least one hit, the teacher group defeated the strong Practical Arts Club 24-8.

SUMMER SHORTS

Rumor has it that Amherst is losing a fine teacher in "Peggy" Tait; Newton's gain.

There is one sure thing, we have to eat to study.

Newton of Newtonville says that a flower is just a garden without weeds.

The girls at Miller shriek as they "go bats."

Did "papa" Harrington and his boys "Duckie," Len, Art, and Olo keep the girls entertained?

Miss Webster, the palmist, drew the encouraging conclusion that it is never too late.

We are sure that our friend "Donnie D." Parsons enjoyed the Fitchburg showers.

The idea of "Math Huddles" reflected from Mr. Harrington's brilliant head.

Mr. Randall easily changes class discussions from heat to light.

Would the wood-working boys have willingly whispered what Winchell wouldn't waste?

Does Mr. Powers really understand Economics or is it because we have to read ours?

The boys are convinced that a swinging walk and a contagious smile is an attractive art.

The girls and boys got more dates in Mr. Harrington's class than they could handle.

Mr. Anthony left many things on the back of the stove including Lundwall's boat.

Now that the "drought" is over, we still use the subways.

The activity of the Palmer boys and that of the "Big Ax" coincided perfectly.

Fitchburg drew students from Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Florida, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Rhode Island, New York, Puerto Rico, and Maine this year.

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THE TWIG LIVES

The students of the School Publications course under the helpful guidance of their instructor Mr. Hague present the second edition of THE TWIG, to the students and the faculty of this year's Summer School.

We have endeavored to record, (in our minature STICK,) news of the day, activities and personalities and other features of special interest that have had no little part in making our stay a pleasant one.

The staff in publishing the second annual Summer School organ feels it has carried out a tradition started by their predecessors of the School Publications course last year. We sincerely hope members of the next class will endeavor to issue a similar bulletin.

The work of writing, editing and publishing this paper was made possible by the cooperation of faculty members and students to whom we express our sincere appreciation.

WADE ACHIEVEMENT TEST FOR SUMMER STUDENTS

Test Yourself

1. I never complained about the rain or heat .....
2. I was neither late nor absent .....
3. I passed in all papers on time .....
4. I can define Logarithm, Verbalism, Synedoche, Percentilies, and Telebinocular .....
5. I returned library books on time .....
6. I climbed to the third floor without puffing .....
7. I always knew all the answers .....
8. I went to the outing at Stow .....
9. I attended each assembly ..
10. I slept eight hours each night .....

100 - 90 Genius
Ph. D.
90 - 80 Scholar
M. Ed.
80 - 70 A Regular Fellow
B. S. E.
70 - 60 Slipping
60 or Lower — Down and Out
Ask for your money back
((Try and Get It))

KEEPING PACE

The zealous teacher must be insatiable in his quest for knowledge. The laws of education are the laws of life. With the complexity of life increasing daily due to the inventions of modern science and changing social adjustment, the true teacher must keep pace that he may be civilly, socially, and culturally adequate to mould the citizens of tomorrow.

To afford proper opportunities, thoughtful administrators have provided the Summer School, so that selfless teachers in a congenial atmosphere may supply any deficiencies in their pedagogical equipment. Outstanding among the institutions dedicated by our commonwealth for this splendid work is Fitchburg State Teachers College, and the record of her achievements will stand as an enduring monument in the lives of future generations of Massachusetts' citizens.

Note: Contributed by a member of the Summer Session faculty.

SUMMER SESSION SHOWS STEADY GROWTH

The growth of the Fitchburg State Teachers College Summer School has been steady and consistent. This growth based on careful planning, judicious selection of courses, and the enthusiasm of the faculty, has had a favorable influence on the student body.

While it is true there has been nothing sensational about the expansion of the college, both regarding the number of courses and the enrollment, it is apparent to even the most casual observer that there has been a growth and, in the final analysis, a gratifying one.

The student enrollment is greater than that of three years ago. While the numerical difference may be small, the fact that there has been an increase may be considered significant that more young men and women are seeking the advantages of this school which is one of the leaders in the State college group.

Although at present there are many excellent schools and colleges in New England, Fitchburg Teachers College is attracting many graduate and under-graduate students because of its varied and comprehensive program, competent faculty and the congenial environment of the college itself.

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the light-headed ones, both physically and mentally. Height has a certain way of influencing some people, which probably explains this remarkable phenomenon.

Third on the list will be Miss Worthington, our dietitian, and her efficient staff. If there were more women like her, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's policy, "the greatest good for the greatest number," would become more than just a part of the famous fireside chats.

Gratitude is supposed to be one of the signs of a civilized mind. Therefore, without much further ado, let me record the fourth remembrance, my many thanks to the faculty, one and all, for their never ceasing efforts to convert this diamond in the rough into a finished product.

By Harry Y. Hilyard

And so they asked me to write about it.

Oh, they were very polite. The gentleman who brought the request surveyed my shrunken, wasted form, my prematurely grey hair, with consideration. Almost apologetically he spoke, as one who asks for the prison story of some aged lifer. "Just a short paper," he said. "Only a few words, on the hardships of Summer School."

Only a few words? A few hundred, thousand, million — it is all one to me. On that topic, I am a brook, a fountain, a Noah Webster. I am inexhaustible, unquenchable, unending. At moments like these, my friends trek to far countries. I am an S. S. S.

We are the forgotten men of our educational system, we members of the Sacred and Select Society of the S. S. S. (Summer School Survivors, to you). There are only a few of us. That is for the obvious reason that not many in this effete civilization have the physical stamina to stand the grind. My fellow-classmates and myself are a picked body of men and women, Spartan to the core. We go in with the ruggedness of a correspondence school advertisement. We serve our time — seven, ten, fifteen years — and we come out shattered wrecks, doddering old relics whose toothless gums mumble automatic recitals of hard-won scraps of knowledge. Oh yes — there is one other thing we get. The authorities call it a degree.

Oh, Education! what perfect summers are denied in thy name.

How many shapely legs remain untanned, how many rivers unswum, how many fish uncaught! Strong men become puny, charming women become shrews, lovely girls drift into haggard decline. Is this, then, the end? Is there no cure for this blot of our national culture, no David for this Goliath? Shall base thralldom to an idea separate us from our families, our money, our reason? Have we politics or the younger generation to blame for this thing?

Or is it simply Summer School?

By Grace M. Jewett

It was 1920. A notice wended its way to my desk. "A course in Conversational French will be given. This course counts two points." Two points for what? A degree? Whoever heard of a grade teacher with a degree!

One must upho'd professional spirit so I soon learned to grasp a French menu and order a simple meal, though I probably won't travel farther than Pratt's Junction. These courses cost so much.

The next year our school committee offered fifty do'lars for every six points and the privilege of obtaining three increments. This seemed a more definite incentive for professional improvement. So other courses followed.

The following summer a friend, who was going abroad, offered me her Boston apartment. It seemed a fine chance to attend college. Courses were soon planned and all seemed well except for that cough. Could it be that I caught whooping cough that day I worked so long with Tommy? The doctor said it could. So instead of college attendance I whooped my way through a weary Summer.

But fall brought its compensations with a fine course in "Methods" under a Colorado professor, as well as a thorough course in "Tests and Measurements" with its accompanying wonders of brain age. That was the season my friends shunned me and my pertinent questions concerning their mental capacities.

More points accrued as time went on, and again a summer course seemed wise. Several of my friends would join me. I know I'll enjoy the summer with them, if my side feels better. "Yes," said the doctor. "It's a simple matter to remove an appendix." My friends enjoyed the summer.

Depression came. It presented the school committee with a pair of sharp-cutting shears with blades operating in retroactive fashion. This meant a financial lull for all of us in extra study.

And now 1937 is here. They've measured my head for the cap. I note with sorrow that the size is a half inch less than formerly. At last I'm about to obtain that degree. I settle back in my chair and reach for my cane and shawl.

But wait. What is that charming lady member of the Graduates' Degree Committee saying?

"May I announce that courses for the Masters Degree will be offered here this fall."

I straighten up and think,— "The best is yet to be."

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